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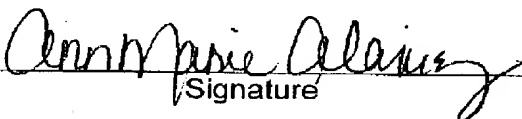
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Response to Final Office Action after RCE [21 pages].

<b>Applicant:</b>	<u>Quintero</u>	<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	<u>1712</u>
<b>Serial No.:</b>	<u>09/691,589</u>	<b>Examiner:</b>	<u>D. Metzmaier</u>
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<b>Title:</b>	<u>Treatments for Drill Cuttings</u>		

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re Application of:</b>	§	<b>Group Art Unit: 1712</b>
<b>Quintero</b>	§	
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<b>Serial No.: 09/691,589</b>	§	
	§	<b>Examiner: D. Metzmaier</b>
<b>Filed: October 18, 2000</b>	§	
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AFTER RCE**

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This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed July 15, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.

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